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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
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SUBJECT: SAG REQUEST FOR TRADE WAIVER FOR CHROME ORE
FROM USTENBURG MINE

1. SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED WAIVER OF
U.S. CERTIFYING PROCEDURES FOR CHROME ORE IMPORTS WHICH
WOULD PERMIT ORE FROM RUSTENBURG MINERALS DEVELOPMENT
COMPANY LIMITED MINE TO BE EXPORTED TO THE U.S. AND
OTHER COUNTRIES. SUCH WAIVER IF GRANTED WOULD BE
COMPARABLE TO EXEMPTION PREVIOUSLY GRANTED FOR
CHROME ORE FROM GRASVALLEY MINE IN TRANSVAAL PROVINCE.
SA DEPARTMENT OF MINES HAS CERTIFIED THAT ORE FROM
SOME SEAMS OF RUSTENBURG MINE EXCEEDS THE 2. TO
CHROME/IRON RATIO REQUIREMENT PRESCRIBED BY USG.
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2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY
THAT EXEMPTION FOR RUSTENBURG MINE COULD TRIGGER SERIES
OF SAG REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS. U.S. GEOLOGI-
CAL SURVEY HAS CONFIRMED THAT RUSTENBERG AND GRASVALLEY
ARE ONLY SOUTH AFRICAN MINES WHICH PRESENTLY PRODUCE CHROME
ORE EXCEEDING 2.1 TO 1 RATIO REQUIREMENT. DEPARTMENT

WOULD ALSO LIKE REGIONAL RESOURCES OFFICER'S ESTIMATE

AS TO LIKELIHOOD THAT OTHER SOUTH AFRICAN MINES WILL
DEVELOP CAPACITY TO PRODUCE SIMILAR CHROME ORE IN NEXT
ONE TO TWO YEARS. VANCE

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